Department of Expenditure's Advice to States

3669. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases and instances of taking timely action to advice States in problems of ways and means were undertaken by the Plan Finance Division in the Department of Expenditure during the year 1992-93;

(b) whether the States did actually act upon such advise;

(c) what are the instances when the States did not act upon the advise; and

(d) what is done if the advise is not accepted:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India functions as banker to the State Governments. Based on the normal transactions of the States, Reserve Bank allows Ways and Means limit to each State. When the State overdraws beyond this limit continuously for 7 working days, Reserve Bank of India stops payments on behalf of the State Government.

When the States are in overdraft for a number of days, the Central Government assists the States in clearing the overdraft, by making advance release of their entitlements. There are occasions, when in spite of this help, the Reserve Bank was forced to suspend payments.

The statement below indicates the information sought by the Question:

States	No. of advices sent to States by the Plan Finance Division in the Department of Expenditure during 1992-93	No. of times the States acted upon the advices sent	No. of times the States did not act upon the advices
1. Assam	3	..	3
2. Bihar	9	6	3
3. Goa	1	1	..
4. Gujarat	12	6	6
5. Haryana	1	1	..
6. Himachal Pradesh	23	10	13
7. Kerala	15	5	10
8. Madhya Pradesh	16	2	14
9. Manipur	14	3	11
10. Mizoram	1	..	1
11. Nagaland	6	..	6
12. Orissa	8	6	2
13. Tamil Nadu	1	1	..
14. Tripura	7	..	7
15. West Bengal	2	1	1

Over-drafts by States

3670. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the states which remained in over-draft for more than seven days during the period from 1st January, 1993 to 31st July, 1993;

(b) out of these which are the states whose payments were stopped by virtue of the overdraft Regulation Schemes of States during this period;

(c) what are the reasons of the discrimination in respect to some states penalised for default and some states not penalised; and

(d) what is the level at which this decision is taken in the Finance Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Kerala on one occasion and Himachal Pradesh on two occasions remained in overdraft for more than seven consecutive working days during the period from January 1 to July 31, 1993.

(b) The payments on behalf of Kerala on one occasion and Himachal Pradesh on both the occasions were suspended by RBI under the Overdraft Regulation Scheme.

(c) No discrimination is made among the States in the administration of Overdraft Regulation Scheme.

(d) The Reserve Bank of India is the banker for State Governments. In case any State remains in overdraft for more than seven days, the decision to stop payments on that State's account in accordance with the Overdraft Regulation Scheme is taken by the Reserve Bank of India.

Complaints against Recruitment in United India Insurance Company

3671. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation have received any complaints against recruitments in the United India Insurance Company particularly in Delhi areas on fake educational certificates;

(b) if so, the number of such complaints received during the month of January, 1993 to June 1993 and the details of each complaint;

(c) the action taken thereon; if any; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Irregularities in the State Bank of Indore

3672. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in Hindi dainik "INDORE SAMACHAR" (INDORE) in its various issues of 9th July, 1993 to 29th July, 1993 regular regarding corruption/frauds/irregularities/ payment made by the Bank for land without registration, withdrawal of money of dead account holders and Over-draft facility given to the Government Officers working at Bhopal and various types of Corruption taken place in the State Bank of Indore;

(b) if so, what is the number of officers responsible for these frauds/irregularities and other illegal practices adopted by them;

(c) whether there is also an allegation regarding "State Bank of Indore Divaliya Hone Ke Kagar Par" this title published on 17-7-93 in the same news paper;

(d) if so, what is the reaction of Government on this title; and

(e) whether all the top management will be reshuffled in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.